

The NSF Vision

The National Science Foundation is a catalyst for progress through investment in science, mathematics and engineering. Guided by its longstanding commitment to the highest standards of excellence in the support of discovery and learning, NSF pledges to provide the stewardship necessary to sustain and strengthen the Nation's science, mathematics and engineering capabilities and to promote the use of those capabilities in service to society.

NSF is confident in the power of its connections and partnerships to deliver the greatest return on this investment. It will exercise leadership in strengthening linkages among the many individuals, institutions, and organizations that are committed to progress in research and education. It will also dedicate itself to fostering the natural connections between processes of learning and discovery.

At the core of this vision is a dynamic and diverse community of researchers, educators, and institutions who work in partnership with NSF. This community shares with NSF a commitment to discovery and learning, to enhancing the Nation's capacity for excellence in research and education, and to the use of science, mathematics, and engineering for the betterment of humanity.

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